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Training Centers

1. In August 1948, the political Training Center of the Army was located in Breaza (R 45/X 32) and was housed in a cantonment-like installation at the northern exit of Breaza de Sus, on the west side of the road to Sinaia (R 35/X 24). The training center covered an area of 600x800 meters. The main training camp of the Rumanian Labor Service had been located there prior to August 1944. * The training center was assigned to the Higher Political Directorate of the War Ministry. Its commander was Colonel Marcel Popescu and its political commander was Major Manta, (fnu). Captains Mihai Ionescu and Pompiliu Ionescu were among the approximately 20 instructors at the training center. The 140 students of the first class of the Higher War Academy, who in 1948/1949 attended a 20-day course in Breaza, were organized into eight study groups, each of them headed by a chief and a deputy chief. Subjects treated in these study groups included history of the Communist Party of the U.S.S.R., political economy, philosophy, history of the struggle of the workers' class in Rumania, and geography of the U.S.S.R.
2. The headquarters and the area of the Troop Training Center of the Army were located near Cincul Mare (R 36/R 71) in September 1949. Elements of the headquarters and the regiment assigned to the training center were quartered in Fagaras (R 35/R 80). The quarters near Cincul Mare were located on the west side of the highway to Agnita (R 36/R 61), about 500 meters north of Cincul Mare. There was no railroad connection between the quarters and Cincul Mare. * The training center was assigned directly to the General Staff. In the fall of 1949, its commandant was Lieutenant General Nicolae Cambrea. His chief of staff was Colonel Visan, (fnu). Supply officer was Colonel Predescu, (fnu), who was assisted by Lieutenant Colonel Tarulescu, (fnu). The training of umpires was directed by Colonel Vladescu, (fnu). One Major Iliescu, (fnu), worked in the operations section. The training regiment was commanded by Colonel Jonita, (fnu). The missions of the training center included the organization of short training courses for company and battalion commanders; the organization of courses for captains and colonels selected for promotion; the organization of maneuvers and the conduct of tactical

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demonstrations; and the issuance of regulations based on experience gained during maneuvers.

3. In October 1948, the Infantry Training Center was located in Sf. Gheorghe (R 45/S 40). It was assigned to the Infantry Command of the War Ministry and was organized into so-called study directorates. An infantry regiment was attached to the training center as an instruction unit. * The missions of the training center included testing of new infantry weapons and new combat practice; organization of courses for unit commanders from regimental commanders downward; training with special infantry weapons such as rocket launchers, rifles fitted with telescopic sights, AT rifles, etc; and organization of tactical demonstrations and composition of infantry manuals.
4. In October 1948, the Training Center of Cavalry was also located in Sf. Gheorghe and was housed in the buildings occupied by the Infantry Training Center.
5. In November 1948, the training Center for Tank and Mechanized Troops was located in Bucharest-Ghencea. [REDACTED] a statement by General Mircea Haupt that this training center was located at Targoviste (R 33/34/C 19) at that time, *
6. In October 1948, the AAA Training Center was located in Brasov (R 35/X 37) and was housed in the AAA Barracks opposite the Jar Airfield.
7. In October 1948, the engineer Training Center with its headquarters and the studies commission was located in the barracks installation at the southwestern edge of Ramnic Valcea (R 35/W 32). The 1st Engr Regt, which was simultaneously the instruction regiment available to the training center, was located at the barracks installation northwest of the railroad station. **
8. In November 1949, the Artillery Training Center was located in Dadilov (R 43/44/C 60), on the Bucharest-Giurgiu (R 43/44/H 58) railroad line, just west of the Mihai Bravu railroad station. The barracks installation covered a site of 400x600 meters. *
9. In 1949, the Training Center for Signal Troops was located at the barracks installation in Bucharest-Cotroceni.

Rumanian Officer Corps

10. Recruits who proved to be efficient soldiers were assigned to the so-called regimental school, where they were trained by the best officers of the regiment until the end of their first year of training. This training covered military, political and general educational subjects. After graduating from this school the trainees were sent to officers candidate schools or MCO schools, depending on the result of their examinations. Those who were not sent to these schools remained in their units as instructors.
11. [REDACTED] the following regular officer candidate schools in the winter of 1949/1950:
 - a. Infantry: In Sibiu (R 35/R 20), in its former building, near the Young Forest (Ambrava).
 - b. Artillery: In Pitesti (R 33/34/B 79), in the barracks installation at the northwestern edge of the town. Colonel Dobro, (fnu), was a supply instructor at the school.
 - c. Cavalry: In Sibiu, at the former barracks of the Cavalry Training Center.
 - d. AAA: In Brasov, at the same barracks installation as the AAA Training Center.
 - e. Tank and mechanized troops: In Targoviste.

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f. Administration: In Craiova. ***

12. There was no training for reserve officers during the period from the end of the war to the summer of 1949. Reserve officers of all branches of service were first inducted for a 45-day period of training in early August 1949. The total number of reserve officers inducted in the summer of 1949 was estimated by source at 1,500 to 2,000.
13. Of the officers assigned to units approximately 80 percent were line officers and 20 percent political officers. The line officers were classified as follows:
 - a. Officers who had been in Soviet PW captivity, had received political indoctrination there and had returned to Rumania with the Tudor Vladimirescu and the Horia Closca si Crisan Divisions.
 - b. Officers who had been in Soviet PW captivity but who had refused to participate in political training courses. Most of them were discharged in 1946.
 - c. Regular officers who had not been in Soviet PW captivity.
 - d. Officers who had been placed on a reserve status in 1946/1947 but who were reactivated in 1947/1948.
 - e. Young officers, more or less receptive to Communist ideas, and who had joined the army after 1946, formed about half of the number of regular junior and company grade officers in 1948.

From 10 to 15 percent of the officer corps could be considered as supporters of the Communist regime.

14. The political officers included regular and reserve officers, NCOs and PW promoted to the rank of officer of the Tudor Vladimirescu and the Horia Closca si Crisan Divisions; officers who participated in the Spanish Civil War; and party members, mostly former workers or party functionaries promoted to the rank of officer.

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| 25X1A | * [REDACTED] Comment. Previous information on the training centers for the political indoctrination of the army, infantry and artillery troops was confirmed by the report. | 25X1A |
| 25X1A | ** [REDACTED] Comment. The 1st Engr Regt was previously reported [REDACTED] as being located at a barracks installation at the southwestern edge of the town. See [REDACTED] This information was corrected by the present report. | |
| 25X1A | *** [REDACTED] Comment. The report refutes all previous reports, according to which there was only one officer candidate school for all branches of service in Rumania. | |

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